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Preliminary Exposition, filling eighty-one closely printed pages, comprises a physiological description of the vocal organs, and a minute analysis of the elementary sounds of the English language. The heads of remark in this treatise are numbered, and are constantly referred to in the Vocabulary. The notation in the Vocabulary is simple; instructive commentary is freely interspersed, authorities are cited, and differences of usage marked with their respective reasons and authorities. The orthography and pronunciation are conformed, not to arbitrary standards, but to the best current usage. The work deserves a favored place as a manual for schools, and as a table-book for all who would speak and write correctly.

36.—*A Compendium of Classical Literature; comprising choice Extracts, translated, from the best Greek and Roman Writers, with Biographical Sketches, Accounts of their Works, and Notes directing to the best Editions and Translations.* Part I.—*From Homer to Longinus.* Part II.—*From Plautus to Boëthius.* By CHARLES DEXTER CLEVELAND, formerly Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Penn., and of the Latin Language and Literature in the New York University. Philadelphia: E. C. and J. Biddle & Co. 1861. 12mo. pp. 622.

IT is enough to say of this work that the promise of its title is as fully realized as it could be in a volume of moderate dimensions. The biographical and bibliographical sketches are succinct, carefully written, and wonderfully comprehensive in detail. The references to editions and translations indicate the author's full conversance with the field which they cover. The selection both of the original passages and of the versions through which they are given to the reader is made with faultless taste. We sometimes miss a gem which we would gladly see transferred to these pages; but there is nothing here that we would willingly omit, and there are few additions for which we would strenuously plead.

37.—*Chambers's Encyclopædia. A Dictionary of Universal Knowledge for the People.* Illustrated. Vols. I., II., Parts 27—31. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1861. 8vo. pp. 824, 828, 1—288.

WE have more than once borne our testimony to the value of this work. It is emphatically a work for the people, containing not only the kind and degree of information which every intelligent man wants